

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a catalyst composition, ~~characterized in that~~comprising:

providing a solid support comprising ~~containing~~  $\text{TiO}_2$  in an amount of at least 70 wt.%,  $\text{WO}_3$  in an amount of 5-20 wt.%, and optionally  $\text{SiO}_2$  in an amount of up to 15 wt.%;

~~is contacted~~ contacting the solid support with a vanadate ( $\text{REVO}_4$ ) of at least one rare earth metal (RE) selected from the group consisting of Y, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Gd, Tb, Dy, Er and Yb to form give a slurry; ~~which is brought to and~~

dryness and calcined the slurry to yield the catalyst composition.

22. (Currently Amended) A catalyst composition obtainable according to ~~[[a]]~~ the process of claim 21.

23. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a catalyst composition as in claim 21, wherein the solid support includes ~~comprising:~~

~~contacting a solid support containing  $\text{TiO}_2$  in an amount of at least 70 wt.%,  $\text{WO}_3$  in an amount of 5-20 wt.%, and  $\text{SiO}_2$  is present in an amount of up to 15 wt.% with a vanadate ( $\text{REVO}_4$ ) of at least one rare earth metal (RE) selected from the group consisting of Y, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Gd, Tb, Dy, Er and Yb to give a slurry which is brought to dryness and calcined.~~

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24. (Currently Amended) A catalyst composition obtained from the process of claim 22, wherein the solid support includes  $\text{SiO}_2$  in an amount of up to 15 wt.% ~~is present in the solid support.~~

been requested, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the pending claims are allowable. In the event that Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview or overcome by an Examiner's Amendment, Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2011.

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